Allocation of power for Malwa Region

†2513. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state whether in view of voltage problem in the Malwa region, 143 megawatt was allocated from-Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant, Kota and with the stopping of this allocation of Malwa region will again face voltage problem and power supply to the farmers will be interrupted; if so, when the allocation will again be started?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): Capacity of 143 MW in Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant (RAPP) unit was temporarily diverted to Madhya Pradesh in December, 2003 as beneficiary States/UTs in Northern Region were not willing to avail this power. However, in view of increased demand in the Northern Region, low hydro generation in the region due to less rainfall, and persistent requests from the constituents of the Northern Region (NR), the entire power from RAPS Unit-Ill was restored to NR constituents in September, 2004. Considering the power situation in NR and persistent requests from the constituents of NR, there is no proposal again to allocate this power to Madhya Pradesh.

Transmission line of PGCIL in Kerala

2514. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Power Grid Corporation of India is laying 400 KV transmission line from Koodamkulam Atomic Energy Centre to 400 KV sub-station in Trichoor, Kerala;

(b) if so, the districts through which the line is passing;

(c) whether the farmers have objected to this in view of heavy loss to them on account of cutting large number of coconut, rubber and pepper cultivations;

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) whether Government will direct the Power Grid Corporation of India to consider an alternate route where the loss is minimum?

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